

Entrance of Caruso's Country Home at East Hampton; Blue and White Garden, Persian Tiled Doorway



(Photo by Johnston-Hewitt Studio.)

ORGANIZED BAND IS SOUGHT IN \$500,000 CARUSO JEWEL THEFT

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Caruso immediately notified the New York police and Sheriff John F. Kelly of Suffolk County of the robbery. With District Attorney Young, former Sheriff A. W. Biggs, Deputies Kelley, Jenkins and Baylis, Chief of Police Morford and several policemen, Sheriff Kelly was soon on the grounds and a search was made of all the surroundings.

Policemen were sent to board outgoing trains and to question passengers and railroad men who might have seen suspicious characters. The servants were questioned, as were Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Benjamin, and a description secured of the missing jewels. Meantime detectives from this city were on their way to East Hampton.

The roads and ferry points were guarded and search was made for possible automobile or bicycle tracks, but none of the latter were found. News of the robbery was telephoned to all parts of Long Island.

The Caruso home is located in the midst of an artists' colony and is owned by Albert Herter, President of the Herter Looms, Inc., interior decorators at No. 841 Madison Avenue, this city. The mansion stands back about a quarter of a mile from the road on Georgian Lake, which flows to within a few hundred feet of the Atlantic Ocean. Escape in a small boat by the ocean is deemed impracticable. It would be necessary to cross the lake first, and no evidence of any boat being used on

the lake or beach has been discovered. The detectives believe that the work was directed by an organized gang which has been working for several years among the homes of the wealthy on Long Island and in Westchester County and Connecticut. The plan of the gang has been to place servants in the houses where it has been proposed to make a haul, hide their time, and at the arranged moment make the attack, and with their retreat well covered, get completely away.

Park Benjamin Jr., brother of Mrs. Caruso, went to East Hampton on the first train out of New York this morning. He was accompanied by Edward M. Gattie, a jeweler of No. 330 Fifth Avenue, who is familiar with all of Mrs. Caruso's jewelry and therefore able to describe the missing articles.

Mr. Benjamin said that his sister had taken the jewelry from a safe deposit vault in this city only a few weeks ago, when she went to make

her home at East Hampton. She wanted to have it near her and felt that it was perfectly safe in the strong box with the burglar alarm device.

His sister, he said, did not believe that any of the servants were implicated in the robbery. The only servants who went with her to East Hampton with whom she was nat

familiar were an Italian chef and his kitchen assistant. Both were well recommended, but Mrs. Caruso, he said, discharged them two weeks ago because they did not suit her. "We think that the robber or robbers," said Mr. Benjamin, "are hiding in the woods near the house." The stolen goods are of such a size

that the thief could hide a fortune in his vest pocket. The Caruso treasures, those of art as well as the family jewels, are insured in several burglary insurance companies for upward of \$1,000,000. The tenor carries separate policies on his holdings in their different lo-

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